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One of the danger spots in relation to the sanitary condition of a city are the alleys and courts. Of the alleys those are most to be feared that have no outlet at one end, and therefore fall to get the proper ventilation.

Look After the Furnaces. The recent fire in Baltimore, whereby seven human beings lost their lives, constitutes a warning, not only to the people of that city, but of Washington, regarding the care that ought to be exercised in the location and management of furnaces.

Weyler's Blue Pencil. When the present captain-general of Cuba embraced the military profession he made the mistake of his life. He ought to have become an editor. He is no big shakes as a strategist, but when it comes to editing "copy" he can give most of us "literary fella's" cards and spades and then beat us at the game.

That Big Pile of Gold. The physical dimensions of the amount of gold just offered to the United States government by its citizens can be comprehended only after a little comparative figuring.

Loss to the German Treasury. The official report on the German colonies, just laid before the Reichstag, shows that, excluding Southwest Africa, there are only 700 German inhabitants in that territory.

North German Lloyd Line Arranged. Bremen, Feb. 25.—The North German Lloyd steamer service, bound for New York, around in the river Weser, at this point today, will probably be floated at the next flood tide.

THE BILL WHICH CONFERS ON THE HEALTH OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY RESPECTING THE SANITATION OF THE ALLEYS, CANNOT BE ENACTED INTO LAW ANY TON SOON.

It enables the Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the health officer, to condemn alley houses which he may deem unfit for habitation, and makes the health officer the judge as to the character and sufficiency of any repairs the owners of such houses may want to make.

Whether alterations insuring the safety of the occupants are necessary or not. It is sufficient authority for such an inspection is not vested in the Commissioners, Congress ought to be implored to pass the requisite legislation to confer it upon them.

HEARD BY THE LOUNGER. GOV. COFFIN of Connecticut, who has been spending a few days at the Cochrans, returned home yesterday.

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SERIOUSLY THOUGHT TO BE HUMOROUS

Turned the Tables. "Aren't some of those mother-in-law jokes a little personal?" "Why, old man, I thought you and your mother-in-law were on the best of terms."

Not a Will Thought. A dear little Presidential bee sang Levi P.—Levi P.—Levi. And buzzed in his auris as soft as could be, singing Levi P.—Levi P.—Levi.

A Strictly Cash Business. Clerks here and there who deserve a good deal of credit. Proprietor—Have I often told you not to give credit to anybody?

A Lenten Thought. There was a man of no great account. And two more, making three. Some called them a triumvirate And some a trinity.

No nicer men in all the world— All three on this agree— Nor wiser, better could be found For Commissioners, D. C.

At the Church Fair. Miss Stickum—Aren't you afraid the comet will strike you, Mr. Richly? Mr. Richly (fumbling his last dollar)—Well, I am not an astronomer about it now as I never see it, but I have seen it strike so hard within the last hour that I am getting a little used to it now.

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ALLEYS OF WASHINGTON

Protests Against a Bill Affecting These City Byways.

AUTHOR OF IT NOT KNOWN

Civic Center Declares It Had Nothing to Do With It—Citizens Complain That Their Rights Would Be Infringed—Minor District Matters and Daily Appointments.

The hearing given this morning on House bill 1987 was well attended by owners and others interested, who called to enter a protest against the enactment of the measure.

The objections were stated at great length and were principally upon the grounds that the greater part of the investment in alley lots and improvements had been authorized by the District, and to now proceed to destroy that property would be an arbitrary act of great injustice.

It provides that when, in the judgment of the Commissioners, it becomes necessary to public health or safety, and upon the petition of more than one-half of the real estate owners, they shall, in the name of the District, secure by purchase or condemnation the necessary lands to have alleys run from street to street.

It is Capt. Fiebigers opinion that, while the apparent effect of section 3 of the bill is to decrease the number of alleys, its actual effect, assuming that the appropriations are to be continued from year to year, will be to increase the number.

Construction of alley houses, he adds, was practically prohibited in 1893, when it was made unlawful to erect or place a dwelling on an alley of less than 30 feet in width and not supplied with sewerage, water mains, and light, and also prohibited the placing of a house on an alley which does not run straight through the square.

The principal spokesman for the opponents of the bill were Mr. J. W. Pilling, Gen. F. J. Lippitt, and Mr. A. P. Morse, all of whom pursued the same line of argument.

Mr. Pilling stated that section 3 of the proposed enactment would practically confine the alleys properly. He did not believe the Commissioners should be authorized to do anything of that kind, as it would be a very great injustice, especially as the law would not be less for feet than the assessed valuation of adjacent lots per foot.

Gen. Lippitt added to what had been said with the further statement that the improvements in alleys would aggregate an immense amount. He appeared not for himself, but for the many improvements in such property, but came in behalf of actual property holders and the occupants of alley houses. He asked what the effect would be of a law to prevent repairs to such structures.

It was an unheard-of and unprecedented provision of law, arbitrary and objectionable for many reasons. The houses are occupied mainly by the poor and largely by colored people. Reports are as essential to their denials as to other dwellings.

Gen. Lippitt's argument was lengthy and governed a great many points. It was supplemented by Mr. Morse's address and by the filing of sundry papers in protest.

Mr. Morse's objections were in large part identical with that prepared by others and endorsed by all. With the first two and fourth sections there was but little fault found, but emphatic protest was entered against the third section.

The protesters say they have no objection to the straightening of alleys. They would go even farther and agree to widen them. But the provision to authorize the Commissioners to refuse permits to make repairs was most unjust.

Very many of the subdivisions, they said, have been made, approved and recorded in pursuance of law, and upon the property general and special taxes have been and are being levied.

ONE DAY LOST.

You have lost one day's chance if you did not buy a pair of Shoes here yesterday. But five days remain in which to buy at the reduced prices, for our "Surplus Stock Sale" positively ends Saturday. One of the good things is "H. S. & H." famous \$4 Shoes for men for \$2.85.

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Goldenberg's, 928 7th St.

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GOLDBERG'S, 928 Seventh Street.

vested in the flour milling industry. It paid \$27,037,742 in wages last year, and the value of the product was \$573,971,474. The output of American mills at present did not exceed one-half of their capacity, many of them being 50% full of the time.

Under favorable legislation, the mills of this country could grind all the wheat produced here. In speaking of the effect of the repeal of the reciprocity clause of the law of 1890, he said, that under this treaty the export of American flour to Brazil increased in two years from 645,000 barrels per year to 921,000 barrels. Since the repeal of that law the trade with that country had fallen to about 200,000 barrels per year.

French and Brazilians in a Conflict. Paris, Feb. 25.—The Politique Coloniale publishes a telegram addressed to M. Eliane, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Algeria, purporting to have come from M. Couturier, French consul at Para. The dispatch states that conflicts have taken place between the French and the Brazilians in the disputed territory, and that the French have destroyed half of the town of Mapa, losing in the conflict a hundred men killed and wounded. The Politique Coloniale expresses doubt as to the genuineness of the telegram.

Ammunition for the Transvaal. London, Feb. 25.—The Globe learns that there have just been shipped from Antwerp between two million and three million rounds of ball cartridge and forty-six tons of ammunition for field artillery. The artillery ammunition was consigned to the Transvaal government. Large exports of ammunition are also being made from Hamburg.

LEITON OF THE NEWS IN THE MORNING TIMES. If you miss any news in the evening edition look in the last below. What you're looking for was probably published in this morning's edition, and as the Times never repeats you'll have to take both editions to get all the news as quick as it happens.

IT WAS A SPANISH ROUT—True Version of the Destruction of Jarrico. DE LOME WANTS IT STOPPED—Big Customs Expedition Reported Ready to Sail. VENEZUELA CALLS A HALT—Claims That Land Capitalists Are Behind British Actions.

DINNER TO MR. CARLISLE—Secretary Todd New Yorkers About the Country's Finances. INDIAN SCHOOLS CUT OUT—How Reserves Money for Sectarian Institutions. DECKS DID NOT FLY THICK—Presidential Party Only Lugged Twenty in Trip to Washington.

HELD UP A WATCHMAN—District Officer Betina Robbed While On Duty. LOOKS BAD FOR CASHION—Damaging Testimony in the Staunton Asylum Hearing. STRONG PLEA FOR CURA—Spanish Cruelties Pictured by Senator Morgan.

CATTLE FROM CANADA—Questions in Commons Concerning the Exclusion. IT FITS SCHOMBERG'S LINE—Old Map of British Guiana Comes to Light. MAY LEAD TO A NEW ARMY—Ballington Booth, the Salvationist, Makes a Statement. END OF THE HEBREW FAIR—Its Financial Success Has Been Greater Than Was Hoped For.

BROKE THE SENIAY LAW—President Gelpi of the Louisiana Club Gave Trouble. BALL MAGNATES CONFER—John Ward Released From the Reserved List. TWO WEDDINGS LAST EVENING—Mr. Moore Received Her Friends at the Metropolitan. ADDRESSED BY FITZ LEE—Ex-Governor the Chief Figure at the D. C. Entertainment.

IN AN IDYL OF THE WAR—Mr. and Mrs. Winstan's "For Fair Virginia" a Success. BEGAN WITH A BANQUET—Professor Department Convened in Annual Session. NAMING THE BIG CANVAS—Endeavor Committee Decides It Shall Be "For Fair Virginia." AFTER PARSONS SYSTEM—Immigration Committee Will Look Into His Abuses. SANITATION AND ALLEYS—Important Questions to Be Referred to Health Officer. IT IS A NOTED TEST CASE—Sole to Collect Street Subscriptions to An Express Company. J. C. NELSON WILL BE HELD—Coroner's Verdict May Not Affect Custody of the Shooter. EXTENSION OF CAR LINES—Commissioners Have Agreed Upon a General Bill.

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